

## MAIN POINT

We are more broken than we could imagine and yet more loved than we could ever dared to hope.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Temptation

When it comes to temptation, we're all affected. How many times do we get derailed from what we should do to do what we "want" to do in the flesh (wonder where those impulses comes from?)

Being a Christian doesn't immunize us from being mortal and tempted.

### Galatians 5:15-18

Paul loved lists. Read out loud the list of sins and temptations. Make a mental note of which of these that resonates with you.

Paul points out how the flesh and the Spirit are always at war.  
Are we aware of what is happening in our own souls?

### Galatians 5:22-23

**The Fruit of the Spirit:** The Spirit produces this, not more religion, not us.

- Love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self control.

Take a look at your life, your behaviours, your actions... are you exemplifying these traits? If it's the Holy Spirit that produces these things within us, and we don't have these things in us... it is very possible that we don't have the Spirit within us.

The Fruit Of The Spirit:

- 1) **Grows gradually.** Unseen, not apparent, but begins to blossom.
- 2) **Inevitable-** It WILL grow in the life of a believer.

The acorn vs. The marble. There is strength behind things that are growing.

The acorn, alive, continued to grow until it overcame a seemingly intractable, but dead, enemy.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **3)It has Internal roots.**

-Inside out, not outside in

- Spiritual maturity -We can fake the fruit of the Spirit... until someone bumps us.

Not how much we know but how much we trust and lean into God.

- 5:24-25

"Spirit led living is living in a moment by moment dependency upon the promptings and empowerment of God's spirit." Take some time this week to jot down times that you are tempted, or are lead by the Spirit. How did you respond? Which list did you resemble more?